Appendix II.

[Vide answer to question No. 593 asked by Mr. M. D. T. Ranganatha Mudaliyar at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 1st February 1934, page 313 supra.]

445 *Q.*—Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the right bank of the Korayar river higher up Maruthuvaneri anicut in Srivilliputtur taluk, Ramnad district, breached a number of times between 1914 and 1925;

(*b*) whether the breach was finally closed in 1925;

(*c*) whether the river breached again after 1925;

(*d*) whether the Executive Engineer, Tinnevelly division, inspected the river and proposed the formation of a flood bank to prevent further breaches in the Korayar and in order to allow the legitimate supply to Maruthuvaneri and Elundrakondan tanks;

(*e*) if so, what orders have been passed by the Collector of Ramnad, on this proposal, and when;

(*f*) whether the estimates have been prepared for this work and what the approximate cost of this work is; and

(*g*) whether this work entails acquisition of lands and if so, what the extent is that has to be acquired and what will be the approximate cost of the land to be acquired.

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) There are no records to show that breaches occurred between 1914 and 1925; but breaches were closed in 1928 at an approximate cost of Rs. 8,400.

(*d*) The Executive Engineer inspected the locality in November 1928. He proposed to form a flood bank to prevent the spill water from the Korayar taking a separate course, the spill being due to the fact that the bed of the river and the surrounding country are more or less on the same level.

(*e*) In January 1930 the Collector called for proposals for the acquisition of land required for the formation of the flood bank.

(*f*) No estimate has yet been prepared but approximate cost will be Rs. 10,000. The question whether the comparatively large expenditure of Rs. 10,000 on this work is justifiable is under consideration and, if it is found that it would be justifiable, surveys and levels will be taken and a detailed estimate prepared. It was reported in November last that the subject was to be discussed by the Executive Engineer with the Collector. The Government have not received any further report on the subject.

(*g*) Yes. The land is in an unsurveyed Zamindari (Sivagiri) and the approximate cost of acquisition will be about Rs. 1,500.